## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT TACOMA

DARNELL OTIS MCGARY, CASE NO. 3:22-cv-05809-JHC

Petitioner, ORDER

v.

MARK LINQUIST,

Respondent.

This matter comes before the Court on what appears to be a motion by pro se Petitioner under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 60. Dkt. # 35. The motion lacks merit.

To recap some of the procedural history here, Petitioner claims that the requirement that he register as a sex offender renders him "in custody" within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 2254(a). Dkt. # 23. On April 10, 2023, Magistrate Judge J. Richard Creatura issued a report and recommendation, concluding that the Court should dismiss this matter for lack of subject matter jurisdiction. *Id.* Petitioner objected. Dkt. ## 24, 25 & 26. On May 8, 2023, the Court adopted Judge Creatura's report and recommendation and denied a certificate of appealability. Dkt. # 27. On May 15, 2023, Petitioner sought to appeal this Court's decision. Dkt. # 30.

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On January 17, 2024, the Court of Appeals also denied Petitioner's request for a certificate of appealability because he did not show "that 'jurists of reason would find it debatable whether the petition states a valid claim of the denial of a constitutional right and that jurists of reason would find it debatable whether the district court was correct in its procedural ruling." Dkt. # 33 (quoting *Slack v. McDaniel*, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000); and citing 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2), and *Gonzalez v. Thaler*, 565 U.S. 134, 140-41 (2012)). On February 1, the Court of Appeals denied Petitioner's motion for reconsideration. Dkt. # 34. The court wrote, "No further filings will be entertained in this closed case." *Id*.

Because Petitioner raises no valid ground for Rule 60 relief, the Court DENIES the motion.

Dated this 12th day of April, 2024.

John H. Chun

United States District Judge

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